

Weekly WIC Newsletter

November 21, 2016

State Office Closed

The state office will be closed on Thursday for Thanksgiving.

Local Agency Conference Call December 1st

The local agency conference call will be held Thursday, December 1st at 9:00 am. Here is the <u>agenda</u> including the webex information for log in. Please note that you will no longer be able to call in to the webex, you will need to have the webex call you (which is an option presented at log in). You may also <u>access the webex from our online calendar</u>.

SPIRIT Upgrade

There will be an MSPIRIT upgrade on the night of Wednesday, November 30. When you log in to MSPIRIT on the morning of December 1 your computer will upgrade. There is no training for this release, since clinic staff will not see any changes.

Routine Retail Monitoring Letter Follow-Up

For the specific agencies that received a letter regarding the 2017 Routine Retail Monitoring schedule for your region, there has been a significant amount of feedback regarding the form not being included in the mailing. Please refer to the link for an electronic version of the small-med or large-supercenter form. You can also request it be mailed by Alex at 406-444-4746. There was reluctance to send the form so far in advance so we apologize for any confusion the letter may have provided. Thank you for your cooperation and, again, contact Alex with any further questions.

CEU Opportunities

The University of North Carolina is offering an online maternal nutrition course worth 15 WIC CEUs and other credits. It will take place between late January and March 2017. <u>Details</u> on content, credits and where to apply are available.

WIC Work Group Web Page

There is now a web page for the <u>WIC Work Group Page</u> on the website. This WIC Work Group has replaced the Futures Studies Group Page, if anyone needs to reference information from the Future Studies Group, please contact the state office and they can send it to you.

Weekly Risk Code Highlight

<u>Risk Code 332</u>, Short Interpregnancy Interval, formerly known as *Closely Spaced Pregnancies*, is defined as an interpregnancy interval of less than 18 months from the date of live birth to the conception of the subsequent pregnancy.

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